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Polypeptides Having Aminopeptidase Activity And Nucleic Acids Encoding Same For:

AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 1999.

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated August 30, 1999 be extended for a period of 3 months from November 30, 1999 to February 28, 2000. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$870.00.

No additional claims fee is required.

Please charge the required extension and claims fees, estimated to be \$870.00, to Novo Nordisk of North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 14-1447. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 24, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

- 1. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
- 2. Amendment

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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